

Cedar Hill Quilters Guild

Block of the Month for the April 2016 block exchange

Glass Quilt Block Pattern by Janet Wickell

http://quilting.about.com/od/blockofthemonth/ss/hour_glass.htm



This month, we are using springtime colored fabrics, a floral, an accent color and a neutral.

Cutting chart: Floral Fabric four 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares

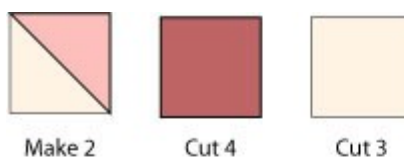
Accent Color Fabric two 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares
one 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" squares

Neutral Fabric one 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square
one 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" square

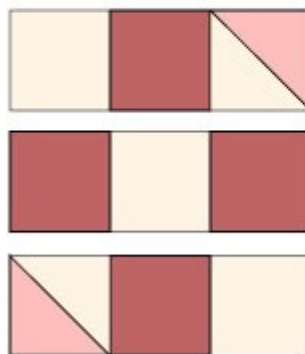
Sew the Hour Glass Quilt Block

Use a 1/4" seam allowance to sew the Hour Glass quilt block, placing units right sides together for sewing and matching edges. Secure fabrics with straight pins if necessary. If your components are consistently too small, sew with a *scant* quarter-inch seam.

To make the two half-square triangle squares, pair the larger accent color square with the larger neutral square right sides together. Use a pencil or permanent marker to draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of the lightest square. Stitch a scant 1/4" on either side of the line. Cut on the marked diagonal line. Press open and measure to double check that your blocks measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".

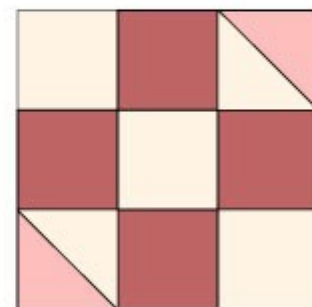


Arrange the half square triangle units with the remaining squares, forming three horizontal rows as shown.



Sew the components of each row together. Press seam allowances towards the floral squares.

Assemble 3 Rows



Complete Block

Sew rows together, butting seam intersections for a perfect match.

Your completed Hour Glass quilt block should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2". If your block is smaller than it should be, or skewed, press again and recheck. If it still isn't quite right, there is a great online tutorial "**How to Square Up Quilt Blocks**" at http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltingcommunity/a/swap_blocks.htm